

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the Abstract at page 11, lines 2-26, with the following rewritten Abstract:

A method **and vessel** for removing or installing an offshore jacket structure (15) in a body of water, **the** ~~utilises a vessel (1)~~ having a generally planar main buoyancy section (2) having ~~in plan view substantially~~ the outline of a delta with an extension (4, 5) at the apex and auxiliary buoyancy sections (3, 8) extending transversely of the main buoyancy section at the ends of the base of the delta. The bottom parts (8) of the auxiliary buoyancy sections (3) ~~are provided with~~ **have** a rounded outer surface (11) and contain heavy fixed ballast (12). ~~By suitable ballasting the~~ **The** vessel (1) may be rotated so that the main section (2) forms an angle less than 90° with the water surface (17) as it is brought close to the jacket structure with the auxiliary sections (3) straddling the jacket structure. ~~In this position the~~ **The** vessel is rotated towards the jacket structure while its rounded bottom portion (11) rolls on the seabed (16), ~~thus permitting good control of the movements of the vessel in a critical phase of the removal process.~~ Once the jacket structure (15) has been **is** connected securely to the vessel (1), the vessel is rotated back to the initial

position ~~while still in contact with the seabed by~~ de-ballasting the auxiliary sections (3) before it is brought to the surface. ~~The vessel is made from stiffened flat steel plates and can therefore be efficiently manufactured in commonly equipped shipyards.~~